GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF MEDICINES TO DISPENSARIES
AJAY CHAKRABORTY;C. SREENIVAASAN;NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE;NEDURUMALLI JANARDHANA REDDY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the CGHS beneficiaries drawing medicines from dispensaries in Delhi, particularly in the North-West, Delhi, are facing great hardships as they are not getting medicines from the dispensaries due to strike by Chemists, who supply medicines to CGHS dispensaries;

(b) if so, the reasons for stopping supply of medicines by the Chemists; and

(c) the action Government have taken/proposed to restore normal supplies to the dispensaries so that the beneficiaries are saved from further hardships?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) The Authorised Local Chemists of CGHS Delhi had gone on strike during 1.4.2002 to 12.4.2002. The strike was restricted to Delhi only. The chemists were protesting against withholding of 10% of their bills submitted to the CGHS.This amount is being withheld in view of the matter relating to charging of sales tax by the chemists. These matters are now under reference to the C&AG.

During the strike period, to avoid any difficulties to the CGHS beneficiaries, they were allowed to purchase medicines from the open market and get reimbursement from the respective offices in the case of serving employees and from the CGHS in the case of pensioner beneficiaries.